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To: Field Managers

From: State Director

Subject: Arizona Lands Conference

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This information bulletin is to (1) announce the upcoming Arizona Statewide Lands Conference; (2) request agenda items that the Field Offices want to have covered; and (3) request nominations for attendance. Agenda items and nominations must be submitted to Carol Kershaw by close of business February 15, 2002.

The conference is scheduled for May 6 through 10, with Monday morning and Friday afternoon being travel days. This will leave four full days of productive time to address issues. The Conference will be held at the Little America Hotel and Resort in Flagstaff, Arizona. Staff from the Washington Office will also be participating in the conference.

Target audience for this conference includes State and Field Office realty and adjudicative staff, Field Managers, Assistant Field Managers, and other specialists (wildlife, cultural, NEPA, minerals, public room staff, etc.) who are affected or supported by the Lands and Realty Program.

The three major areas on which the conference will focus are:

Information - What critical information does the Field need to help them understand how the Lands and Realty Program operates in Arizona?

Education - What are the Field's priority needs for Lands and Realty training that can be accomplished during a one- to two-day segment of this conference?

Evaluation - How can we better manage the continually increasing workload? How do we best define roles and responsibilities relating to the various aspects of the Lands and Realty Program, including budget and MIS? How critical is planning and the NEPA process in managing the Lands and Realty Program? How do we determine how the Lands and Realty Program can do a better job meeting the Field Offices' and customers' needs?

Some topics tentatively suggested for the conference include (1) industry projections of anticipated rights-of-way that will affect Arizona BLM; (2) a presentation by Dean Bibbes on the history of land tenure in Arizona; (3) Arizona's Land Tenure Strategy and how it interfaces with our ongoing planning efforts; and (4) information on how budget, MIS, and LR2000 need to interface with each other.

Please forward your comments on whether the proposed agenda topics would be of interest and submit additional topics that you feel will be of most benefit to you and your staff. Hotel and Conference registration information will follow this memorandum.

The following team has been implemented to plan and deliver this conference: Bill Ruddick and Carol Kershaw, co-leads; Ivy Garcia; Deborah Stevens; Shawn Redfield; Joy Zeitelhack; Marilyn Roth. Gregg Simmons is an *ad hoc* member of the team. If you have any questions regarding this planned conference, please feel free to contact any member of the team.

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